The meeting was requested by Mercedes-Benz to discuss the forthcoming amendment of the third Directive on driving licences. The request for a meeting was related to the increase of vehicle weight due to the transition to alternatively fuelled vehicles.

The discussion covered two consequences of the increased weight of vehicles (when comparing an alternatively fuelled vehicle to the same vehicle with a conventional propulsion):

- the need to hold a driving licence of a higher category (C1 instead of B)
- the difference classification of the vehicle ([N2 instead of N1]

COM participants explained that

- With the legislative proposal, the current optional equivalence for electric vehicles available in the Directive on driving licences should become a general rule allowing to drive alternatively fuelled vehicles of a maximum mass up to 4,25t with a licence of category B.
- Classification of vehicles ([N1/N2] is a matter addressed in a different legislative framework (type approval)